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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Specification Total Pages 66
2. Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) Total Pages 22
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney Total Pages 2
 - a. Unexecuted(original or copy)
 - b. Copy from prior application (37CFR 1.63(d))
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[Note Box 4 Below]

i. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting Inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

ii. Incorporation By Reference (usable if Box 3b is checked)
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

5. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documentation)
6. Letter under 37 CFR 1.41(c).
7. English Translation Document (if applicable)
8. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
9. Preliminary Amendment
10. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
11. Small Entity Statement filed in prior Application, Statement(s) Status still proper and desired
12. Certified copy of Japanese priority document No. P2000-101272 filed March 31, 2000

14. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

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Dear Sir

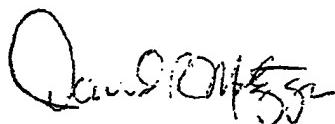
Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.41(c), I am filing the attached application, including 37 claims (4 independent), 22 sheets of drawings (Figs. 1A-32) and the filing fee of \$1,096.00 on behalf of

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and request that the application be assigned a serial number and filing date pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) and 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d).

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Drawings (22 sheets - Figs 1A-32)

Unexecuted Declaration

Letter Under Rule 37

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